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1. GOM APRIL 3 ANNOUNCED DELEGATION TO UNGA SPECIAL SESSION AS FOLLOWS: KHIR JOHARI, AMB TO U.S., DELEGATION CHAIRMAN; H.M.A. ZAKARIA, UN PERMREP, VICE CHAIRMAN; J.A. KAMIL, AJIT SINGH, PHANG PIN SUAN, ALL OF MALAYSIAN MISSION, NEW YORK, REPRESENTATIVES; N. PARAMESWARAN, K. AZZAT, AND KAU KONG QUEW OF UN MISSION, ALTERNATE REPS; AND AHMAD ZUBEIR BIN HAJI NORDIN OF MINISTRY OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AS ALTERNATE REP.

2. ON APRIL 4, WONG PENG CHONG, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR UN, AMERICAS AND AFRICA AT FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY, GAVE EMBOFF ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND ON GOM VIEWS ON SPECIAL SESSION. WONG SAID THAT GOM IS PREPARED TO ENDORSE "DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES"
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AND "ACTION PLAN" DEVELOPED BY LDC GROUP OF 77 AT RECENT NAIROBI MEETING. UNGA SPECIAL SESSION, HE SAID, WOULD LARGELY

BE FORUM FOR SPEECHES ON AID TO LDC'S, FOSTERING TRADE BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING NATIONS ALONG LINES ALREADY SUGGESTED BY UNCTAD, AND REVISION OF MACHINERY, INCLUDING UN STRUCTURE, FOR FINANCIAL AID AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LDC'S. HE DID NOT THINK RAW COMMODITY PRICES -- INCLUDING OIL PRICES -- WOULD BE DEALT WITH EXTENSIVELY BECAUSE OF ARAB EFFORTS TO DEFUSE SENTIMENT AMONG MANY LDC'S FOR OIL PRICE ROLLBACK BY BROADENING BASE OF KUWAITI FUND FOR LESSER DEVELOPED ARAB NATIONS, IMMINENT ESTABLISHMENT OF ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK, AND CREATION OF SPECIAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND BY LDC'S THEMSELVES.

3. COMMENT: AS NOTED IN REF B, MALAYSIA WILL PROBABLY PLAY LOW-KEY AND MODERATE ROLE AT UNGA SPECIAL SESSION BUT WILL NOT BE INCLINED TO BUCK LDC CONSENSUS. PRESENCE OF AMBASSADOR TO U.S. KHIR JOHARI IN NEW YORK AS DELEGATION CHIEF GIVES SOME CLOUT TO MALAYSIAN TEAM. KHIR IS EXTREMELY PERSONABLE, AN EFFECTIVE NEGOTIATOR AND CAN BE COUNTED ON TO EXPRESS GOM'S GENERALLY MODERATE VIEWS AS FORCEFULLY AND ELOQUENTLY AS POSSIBLE.
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